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1. THE POLISH FISHERIES DELEGATION LED BY VICE MINISTER
WISNIEWSKI MET WITH US OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON JUNE 2 AND
3. BOTH SIDES CHARACTERIZED THEIR MEETINGS AS SATIS-
FACTORY. FULL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED DURING THE JUNE 2
MEETING WITH NMFS ON THE PROCEDURES TO BE USED BY THE
AMERICAN-POLISH FISHERIES BOARD ESTABLISHED BY THE BILAT-
ERAL AGREEMENT SIGNED IN AUGUST, 1976.

2. ON JUNE 3, THE POLES MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE
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AND COMMERCE. THE US SIDE ANSWERED A SERIES OF TECHNICAL
QUESTIONS- DURING THE MEETING THE POLES ASKED WHETHER US-
FLAG FISHING VESSELS COULD BE ASSEMBLED IN US PORTS FROM
COMPONENTS MANUFACTURED IN POLAND. AS A PRELIMINARY
REPLY, THE US DELEGATION SAID THAT POLISH EQUIPMENT COULD
BE INSTALLED ON SUCH VESSELS, BUT THE USE OF HULL SECTIONS
PRODUCED IN POLAND WAS PROBABLY ILLEGAL. THE POLISH SIDE

ASKED OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF POLISH VESSELS
IN US OR THIRD-COUNTRY JOINT VENTURES. THE US DELEGATION
ASKED THE POLISH SIDE TO SUBMIT ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS IN

WRITING, AND PROMISED A RESPONSE SOMETIME BEFORE THE VISIT
OF MINISTER OLSZEWSKI, WHICH, WISNIEWSKI SAID, WAS NOW
SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER.

3. FINALLY THE POLES RAISED THE DIFFICULT QUESTION OF
ALLOCATIONS FOR BOTH 1977 AND 1978. THEY ASKED FOR AN
ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF MACKEREL, HAKE AND SQUID IN 1977
TO BE REALLOCATED FROM UNUSED DOMESTIC ALLOCATIONS. THE
US SIDE SAID THAT ONLY ATLANTIC SQUID MIGHT BE REALLOCATED
THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS A REALLOCATION, THE
POLISH REQUEST WILL BE GIVEN EVERY FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION
ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FISHERIES RESEARCH THE POLES
HAVE DONE IN US WATERS.

4. THE POLES ASKED FOR SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THEIR
ALLOCATIONS OF HERRING, SQUID AND PACIFIC HAKE FOR 1978.
THE US DELEGATION SAID THAT IT WOULD CONSIDER THE REQUEST
ONCE THE AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS BECOMES
KNOWN, BUT AGAIN, THE REQUEST WOULD BE GIVEN EVERY
FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. VANCE

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